

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK  
SESSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Tonita Gurulé-Girón

**COUNCILORS:** Vincent Howell  
Barbara A. Casey  
David L. Romero  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
David Silva, Acting City Attorney  
Chris Lopez, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked for prayers regarding the safety for children of the community during Little League season and for the coaches and parents involved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
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sense, being a structure of rank and felt that the individual who brought their statement forward regarding not being able to utilize the Human Resources, did not practice the chain of command and that there was a miscommunication issue.

Joseph J. Garofalo, Engineer, EMT Basic with the Las Vegas Fire Department and IAFF Local 4625 Union President spoke on behalf of six union members and himself, stating that they unanimously voted to support for the personnel mentioned on page 53 of the Consulting Services report which included the relationships between Chief Billy Montoya, Casandra Fresquez and April Gonzales.

Mr. Garofalo informed that the audit stated that some EMT personnel felt that they could not report personal or Human Resource related issues although wanted to reassure that these words did not reflect the attitude of the IAFF Union members. He advised that Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos handed out copies of the letter he wrote in support for these three individuals and stated that he did not know where these feelings were coming from and wished that it would be brought to light in order for there to be a solution.

Mr. Garofalo expressed that right now they were just words and accusations and that the Union felt that there was never any undue influence from Human Resources Department or the Fire Chief Montoya. He advised that these individuals had all conducted business fairly and professionally and thanked them for that. Mr. Garofalo stated that they each had worked for the City of Las Vegas for many years, have obtained their positions with hard work and dedication and that the City was blessed to have them serving our community. He thanked the Governing body for listening attentively and took the opportunity to encourage Billy Montoya, Casandra Fresquez and April Gonzales with a quote read as follows: “ *Be more concerned with your character than your reputation because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think of you*”...*John Wooden*.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked members of the Fire Department who were in support of Fire Chief Billy Montoya, City Clerk Casandra Fresquez and Human Resource Manager April Gonzales. She added that it had been a difficult time during the Special, Housing and Regular audits and thanked Interim City Manager Gallegos and Finance Department staff for their hard work on the audits.

Fire Chief Montoya advised that it was an incentive to extend the lease an additional 30 years and would get deposited into the 764 Fund for use of equipment. He informed that the regular rent amount was approximately \$15,500.00.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the tower would also be available to the City if needed and that it would be included in the contract.

Councilor Howell asked if the Fire Department was currently using the cell tower for their purposes.

Fire Chief Montoya stated that they did not utilize the cell tower although if needed, the tower would be available to the Fire Department.

Brief discussion took place regarding the type of service the cell tower provided.

The Governing body agreed to place the item as a Consent Agenda item.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that there was no need for Executive Session at this time.

Interim City Manager Gallegos informed that Mayor and Council had been invited to attend the opening ceremonies for East Las Vegas Little League at Keyes Park on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and for West Las Vegas, La Plaza Little League on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Rodriguez Park.

Councilor Casey asked if there would be more agenda items at next week's Council meeting.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that there would be two public hearings for the Lodgers Tax 1% increase which had been published and would be brought to Council for adoption and for change in ownership of B-3 Alcohol and Gaming Liquor License. She stated there would also be an Audit RFP for the next three years and two presentations.

Councilor Casey asked if there would be anything on the Special Audit approval.

Councilor Howell mentioned the flooding that took place in 2017 in several areas of his ward and stated that the property owners who experienced the flooding in their homes were concerned about future flooding. He advised that the City needed to have preemptive actions in place for these areas and asked if he could meet with Streets Supervisor Chris Rodarte and Interim City Manager Gallegos to discuss the flooding issues with property owners in those areas as well as flooding issues on Prince Street.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised Interim City Manager Gallegos to set up an Emergency Management meeting in preparation for the rains and also to include Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. due to some of the areas mentioned being in his ward.

**ADJOURN**

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

  
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Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk